BSNL tender scam

2458. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the basic cause of forcible cancellation of BSNL tender for GSM network;

(b) the reasons for Government's silence on this subject inspite of many publications in the media;

(c) whether Government are planning to order a CBI probe to bring the actual culprits to book;

(d) whether Government are planning to come out with a white paper on this episode; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, BSNL's tender for GSM network has not been cancelled and an Advanced Purchase Order (APO) against the tender has already been issued to the successful bidder.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (e) above.

Spectrum allocation to CDMA and GSM players

2459. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that globally unlimited licences are issued for both CDMA and GSM players and Spectrum is allotted separately, based on the market structure;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Government are unable to come to conclusion on the issue of allocation of Spectrum based on international practice;

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence have released the surplus spectrum for allocation to CDMA and GSM players; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) As per Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) Recommendations of 28th August, 2007 on review of license tems and conditions and capping of number of access providers, the number of access providers (mobile services) range between 2-7 in a large number of countries. In India, there is no limit on number of